

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued March 29, 2004, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Norden-Paul et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,410,704 (Norden-Paul). The drawings were also objected to.

Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended in response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1. The drawings have been corrected as required by the Examiner. New claims 4-15 have been added. These new claims find support throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Regarding the objections to the drawings, new corrected drawing have been submitted, which applicant believes are in compliance. In particular, the new corrected drawings are lighter and the reference numbers can be read. Regarding the specific objections under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), the applicant believes that the drawings show the claimed features of the invention. In particular, the "at least two data values which may be entered in the one data entry field", as recited in claim 1 is shown as reference number 20 in Figs. 2-4. Reference number 20 in Fig. 2 shows the data entry field with no data value entered, reference number 20 in Fig. 3 shows the data entry field with a first data value entered, and reference number 20 in Fig. 4 shows the data entry field with a second data value entered. The feature "if a match is found, displaying a corresponding further data entry

field according to the stored attribute data", as recited in claims 1 and 3, are shown as reference number 22 in Fig. 3 and as reference number 24 in Fig. 4.

Regarding the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1, the applicant believes that the new corrected drawings, as well as the amendments made to the claims, are responsive to these rejections.

The present invention is not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the references relied upon in the Office Action, as the prior art references do not disclose or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 1-3 is not obvious in view of Norden-Paul. Norden-Paul discloses a data processing system in which data is entered and validated. In particular, Norden-Paul discloses that a cell in a flow-sheet may have a form or report associated with it that expands on the information in the cell. This form may be comprised of various attributes and processing rules obtained from one or more object instances of one or more object classes. However, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest that the form or report displayed may vary depending upon the value entered in the cell. By contrast, the present invention, for example, according to claim 1, requires monitoring data values entered into said one data entry field, comparing said data value with said prestored data values for that data entry field and, if a match is found, displaying a corresponding further data entry field according to the stored attribute data. Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest these claimed features of the present invention.

Thus, the present invention according to claim 1, and according to claim 3, which is similar to claim 1, and according to claim 2, which depends from claim 1, is not anticipated by Norden-Paul.

In addition, new claims 4-15 are allowable over Norden-Paul. For example, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 4 and 10, of said one data entry field accepts an address style data value and the corresponding further data entry field is an address entry field having a correct format for the address style data value. Likewise, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 5 and 11, that the corresponding further data entry field corresponds in form with the data value entered into said one data entry field. Likewise, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 6 and 12, that said one data entry field accepts a data value indicating a style and the corresponding further data entry field has a correct format for the indicated style. Likewise, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 7 and 13, that the controller further displays a corresponding plurality of further data entry fields according to the stored attribute data. Likewise, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 8 and 14, that the corresponding plurality of further data entry fields correspond in form with the data value entered into said one data entry field. Likewise, Norden-Paul does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature, recited, for example, in claims 9 and 15, that said one data entry field

accepts a data value indicating a style and the corresponding plurality of further data entry fields have correct formats for the indicated style.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is allowable over the references relied upon in the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

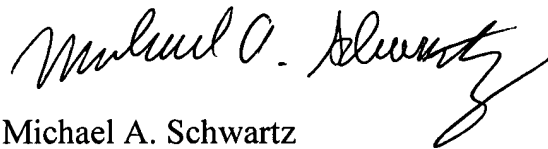
Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0057).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Schwartz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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